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1. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS MET WITH POLISH OFFICIALS AND DELIVERED TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DRAFT AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT AS REQUESTED REF A. THE POLES PLAN TO RESPOND AFTER THE RETURN OF AURELIUSZ MISIOREK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (CCAA), TO WARSAW ON SEPTEMBER 10.

2. CCAA OFFICIALS HAVE TENTATIVELY INDICATED THAT THESE CHANGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. THEY EXPLAIN THAT POLISH PRODUCTION AND TESTING OF CARBURETORS AND IGNITIONS FOR THE PZL-3S ENGINE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE REALIZED FOR A YEAR OR MORE. IN THE MEANTIME, THESE PARTS WOULD HAVE TO BE PURCHASED FROM THE SOVIETS AND CERTIFIED BY POLISH AUTHORITIES AFTER TESTING. CCAA OFFICIALS WILL BE CHECKING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THESE FACTS WITH PEZETEL. EMBOFF SAID THAT THESE CHANGES WERE PROPOSED IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM GRUMMAN THAT ALL PARTS FOR THE PZL-3S WOULD BE MADE IN THE US OR POLAND.

3. ACCORDING TO CCAA OFFICIALS, A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO ACCEPT THE US ANNEX AS IT STANDS. THEY SAID THAT THE MINISTRY OF
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FOREIGN TRADE HAD PREVIOUSLY WANTED TO LIMIT THE LIST OF US

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PRODUCTS AS A SIGN OF "RECIPROCITY" BUT THAT THE INCLUSION OF
LIGHT POLISH AIRCRAFT REMOVED THE NEED TO DO SO.

4. IN VIEW OF THE OUTSTANDING QUESTION OF TREATMENT OF SPARE
PARTS, IT APPEARS DOUBTFUL THAT THE AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED
DURING THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. THE EMBASSY WILL CABLE THE
POLES' OFFICIAL REACTION TO OUR PROPOSALS AS SOON AS RECEIVED.
THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE REPRESENTATED AT THE
JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT MISIOREK
AND PEZETEL OFFICIALS WOULD BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO THE US FOR
MEETINGS AT A LATER DATE IF A COMPROMISE ON THE SPARE-PARTS ISSUE
SEEMS POSSIBLE. NEVERTHELESS, THE MEETING WHICH WE UNDERSTAND
HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR JERZY STREBSKI OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
TRADE ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 10 IN WASHINGTON SHOULD PROVIDE AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES TO DISCUSS THE
SPARE-PARTS QUESTION. THE EMBASSY WOULD NOT EXPECT STREBSKI TO
BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND DEFINITIVELY ON POLISH POSITIONS,
HOWEVER.
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